Distribution of compensation amongst Bhopal Gas victims

646. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what steps have since been taken to distribute the compensation amount amongst the victims of UCC gas-leak accident of 1984 at Bhopal plant, following the judgement upholding the February 1989 settlement of $ 470 million?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): Adjudication of claims and distribution of compensation is to be carried out under the provisions of the Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster (Registration and Processing of Claims) Scheme, 1985. The Scheme, *inter-alia*, provided for a Welfare Commissioner with appropriate assistance to undertake the process of adjudication and compensation. The Welfare Commissioner is in place and the process of adjudication should commence by the 3rd February, 1992, the date which the Supreme Court has fixed for commencement of the process.

647. [*Transferred to the 4th Decembed*, 1991]

Fresh claims of Bhopal Gas victims

648. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madhya Pradesh are not entertaining fresh claims from the Bhopal gas victims on the ground that they did not have enough funds; and

(b) if so, what steps Union Government propose to take to mitigate the hardships of such gas victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Requirement and production of Urea

649. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Urea required each year and the quantity of Urea produced each year in the country during the last 3 years;

(b) whether Government propose to formulate any programme to increase its production; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The quantum of Urea required and the quantity of Urea produced during the last three years is given below:—

(In lakh MT)

Year	Quantity Produced	Demand
1988-89	118·58	128·72
1989-90	124·81	141·23
1990-91	128·35	147·37

NOTE : The demand as given above includes an element of pipeline stock which is about 10% of anticipated consumption.